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NEW GOVERNMENT FOR GALENA PARK

Mayor Moya, New Commissioners sworn in; City Administrator resigns

GALENA PARK, May 17, 2016 – Tuesday Galena Park's government changed, with the incumbent Mayor and four new Commission-ers sworn into office. They d four new Commissions s sworn into office. They mediately took action to remove four city depart-ment heads. City Commis-sioner's Meeting was a spectacle never seen before spectacle never seen before in the city of 11,000 plus. The city once a largely white (Anglo) population now had a new majority Hispanic government. However it apgovernment. However it appeared from those supporting the newly elections the newly elected officials into office it was a broad mixture of the city's demographic makeup.

There were so many well-wishers on hand to witness the Oath of Office ceremony City Fire Chief Paul Gre-

Left to right: Commissioners Eric Broussard- Parks & Recreation, Barry Ponder-Streets & Bridges, Mayor Esmeralda Moya, Oscar Silva Jr.- Fire & Police , Rodney Chersky-Water & Sewer.

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gory had to stop the citizens from entering the Council Chamber because it would be over capacity and unsafe. This resulted in the decision to improvise and move the event out to the front of city hall.

On the front steps of City

Hall two outgoing Commissioner's Maricela Serna and Cruz Hinojosa along with the Mayor approved the Resolution Canvassing the May 7th election returns as presented by City Secretary Mayra Gonzales.

of the Mayor and four new Commissioners's the regu-lar business of the city was relocated back indoors.

relocated back indoors.

Mayor Moya followed the
Agenda closely and from
time to time under the advice of the acting City Attorney John Hightower she

directed the affairs very ac-curately. City Attorney Jim DeFoyd had resigned follow-ing the May 7th city election when all incumbent com-missioners was defeated so on hand to help guide the Mayor and Commissioners' was Mr. Hightower and a attorney representative of attorney representative of the Texas Municipal

the Texas Municipal League.

All of the entire agenda items of the meeting received unanimous support from the newly elected group including the hiring of 12 part-time summer personnel to work as Lifeguards and in Parks and Recreation and Fire Department jobs.

Recreation and File 2-1 ment jobs.

Under the advice of At-torney Hightower the agen-da item approving the

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LOCAL RACES TIGHT IN MAY 24TH RUN-OFF ELECTION

Voter Turnout a critical factor for victory

CONSTABLE PCT. 3,



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Harris County will hold
a Run-off Election on Tuesday, May 24 for a number of
offices where no candidate
received a majority (50%+)
of the votes in the March 1st
Primary election.
These include on the
Democratic ticket a number of statewide offices.

ber of statewide offices, and locally the Harris

CONSTABLE PCT. 3,



SHERMAN EAGLETON

County Sheriff, with Jerome Moore running against Ed Gonzalez.
For Constable of Pct. 2, George Gaffney is running against incumbent Chris Diaz, and for Constable Pct. 3 Michel Pappillion is running against Sherman Eagleton.

HARRIS COUNTY

JEROME MOORE

Pct. 1 Place 1 Tanya Ma-

Pct. I Place I Tanya Makany-Rivers is running against Eric Carter.
These are just a few of the races of local interest on the Democrat slate.
On the Republican side.

Diaz, and for Constable
Pct. 3 Michel Pappillion is
running against Sherman
Eagleton.
For Justice of the Peace
For Justice of the Peace

HARRIS COUNTY



ED GONZALEZ

Smith is facing a challenge from Briscoe Cain.

Voters are encouraged to vote in this election, because only a few votes could determine the outcome in a run-off where no

come in a run-off where no major races are present. Early Voting will start on Monday, May 16 and run through May 20. Hours are



CONSTABLE, PCT. 2,

CHRIS DIAZ

from 7 am to 7pm. There are 44 locations in Harris County for Early Voting, and you can vote at any of them. In the North Channel area, you can vote at the Kashmere Multi-Service Center, the Northeast Multi-Service Center, Baggett Center in Galena Park (this is a new location), Crosby Branch

STATE REP., DISTRICT



WAYNE SMITH

these same locations will be where you vote. You can check your voting location that day, by going to the website www.harris-yotes.com and entering your home address.

OATH OF OFFICE Jacinto City Councilmen sworn in Fish Fry storms into great success

By Allan Jamail
Jacinto City, TX. May 9,
2016 – Thursday's Jacinto
City Council Meeting had
three of the five council
members taking their
Oath of Office which was
administered by Justice of
the Peace George Risner.
Jacinto City operates
under a Home Rule Charter that calls for the mayor and five council
positions to have staggered
elections. The mayor and
two council seats come up
for election in odd numbered years and three
council seats to be elected
in even numbered years.
The charter calls for a fulltime City Manager who
conducts the day to day
business of the city with
the six elected officials
serving part-time.
The Council unanimously approved the first
reading of the ordinance
setting the monthly salaries of the mayor and council. The Mayor's salary is
\$350 with a \$205 car allowance and the Council's is
\$300 with a \$225 car allowance. Councilman Jimmy
JJ' Rivas was approved as
Mayor Pro Tem to serve in
the absence of the mayor.
The Council approved
Fire Chief Rebecca Mier's
recommendations



Photo by Allan Jamail Councilman Jimmy "JJ" Rivas, Gregg Robinson, JP George Risner & Councilman Allen Lee



Photo by Allan Jamail Front row: left Mayor Ana Diaz, Librarian Rosalinda Lucio, Councilwoman Carmela Garcia. Back row left to right: Councilmen Jimmy Rivas, Gregg Robinson, Mario Gonzales, Allen Lee.

amended both the Fire Department budget by \$5,000 for a fire engine repair and to amended the EMS Department budget for \$17,900 for ambulance repairs.

See COUNCILMEN SWORN IN, page 6

NORTH SHORE ROTARY



Crawfish Boil" was Kimberly Gresham, second from right in this photo. Also congratulating her are Rotarians Shawn Silman, Derrill Painter who sold her the ticket, and Kim Gonzalez, who was chairman of the Fish Fry event this year.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DERRILL PAINTER SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE PHOTOS.

The North Shore Rota-ry Club held their 41st an-nual benefit Fish Fry last Saturday, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road.

Pavinon on Wainsville Road.

After the large crowd enjoyed a beautiful sunny day for several hours, a gale wind and storm hit the pavilion and park grounds, thoroughly soaking everyone, even those in side and under the rocf.

But by that time, the live auction, silent auction, and ticket draw had been completed, and everyone either had their prize or an auction item that they

inted. About 1200 tickets

wanted. About 1200 tickets at \$100 were sold for the raffle for a new vehicle, and that included a lunch of catfish or crawfish. Several thousand of these meals were prepared and sold during the afternoon.

Every year the club raises a large amount of mongy for community projects, and this year the total receipts approached \$400,000, which included raffle tickets and about \$170,000 in the live auction.

tion.

The event is put on by everyone in the club, and helped by other volunteers.

In charge each year is the president-elect, which was Kim Gonzalez. The overall responsibility is to the president, Mike Williams. The auction bidding was conducted by Ed Phillips, with the help of Rotarian Scott Stevens.

Gold sponsors for the event included Bestway Oilfield, Blue Northern, Channelview ISD Education Foundation, Community Toyota, Everitindustrial Supply, Galena Park ISD Educational Foundation, and San Jacinto Educational Foundation. Foundation, and San Jacinto Educational Foundation. MORE ON PAGE 8.

SCHOOL NEWS



Channelview ISD's May students of the Month

Channelview ISD recently honored their May Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddry Memorial Stadium. Students were treated to lunch, along with a tour of the press box and field. The Students of the Month include, back row, from left, Mia Rodriguez (Cobb Elementary), Kennedi Henderson (Channelview High School), Aarien Black (Kolarik Nithin Grade Center), Elleen Garza (Aguirre Junior High), Omar Gonzalez (Hamblen Elementary) and Xiomara Zelaya (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center). Pictured in front row, from left, are Edward Jackson (McMullan Elementary), Maria Fermin (Schochler Elementary), Kayla Guy (Brown Elementary), Julian Garza (Crenshaw Elementary) and Makayla Vaughn (De Zavala Elementary). Not pictured is Sampy lijack (Alice Johopan Jurior High) Sammy Ijarah (Alice Johnson Junior High).



CHANNELVIEW ISD:

Lady Falcon signs with abette College

Lady Falcon basketball player Marshell Hollins signed a letter of intent to play for Labette Community College in Parson, Kansas. Hollins was a three-year letterman for Channelview. Family, friends and coaches all celebrated Hollins' achievement at a special ceremony.



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College to expand new courses in response to industry

HOUSTON – San Jacin-College is introducing w courses in HVACR in

taining industry partner-ships and advisory commit-tees at both campuses. The North Campus two-year associate degree pro-gram focuses on commercial and industrial training, while the South Campus associate degree program focuses on residential and light commercial training. Both campuses also offer oc-cupational certificate pro-grams, and certificate of technology programs that to College is introducing ships and advisory commitnew courses in HVACR in in response to requests by industry partners and to enhance the training of
graduates of the program. As with many skilled
craft trades, HVACR (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration) is
evolving and adapting due
to rapidly changing technology. The San Jacinto College
HVACR program offers a
wide range of courses and
degree options at the North
and South campuses, and
stays in step with trends
and developments by main-

ing Installation and Start-up. The new installation course is described as "a study of air conditioning system installation, refrig-erant piping, condensate disposal, and air cleaning equipment with emphasis on startup and performance testing with learning out-comes that include: install-ing air conditioning equipment and evaluating system performance; demequipment and evaluating system performance; dem-onstrating disposal and re-cycling of materials, including refrigerants and mercury; demonstrating bending and cutting tech-nique for system piping; and

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installing equipment and ductwork according to in-dustry standards to maxi-mize efficiency." In addition to the new in-

In addition to the new installation course, the North Campus HVACR program is also introducing two other new courses that will focus on advanced commercial and industrial systems: Specially in the course of the c

and industrial systems: Specialized Commercial Refrigeration, and Testing, Adjusting, and Balancing HVAC Systems.

To find out more about HVACR training at San Jacinto College, please visit sanjac.edu/career/air-conditioning-technology.



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OPINION PAGE



High court rules school finance method is constitutional

AUSTIN — The current method devised by the Texas Legislature in 2011 to fund public education does not violate the state constitution, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled May 13.

The lawsuit challenging the state's education-funding method originally was brought in 2011 by more than 600 school districts identifying themselves col-

brought in 2011 by more than 600 school districts identifying themselves collectively as the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition. Lawyers for the coalition argued that the state falls short of the constitution's imperative of equitable funding by failing to provide enough money for school districts' classroom instruction, maintenance and operation and other critical budget areas.

Article 7 of the constitution says: "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall

essential to the preservation of the liberties and
rights of the people, it shall
be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable
provision for the support
and maintenance of an efficient system of public
free schools."

In a 100-page ruling, the
court said the current system ensures that "all Texas children have access to
a quality education that
enables them to achieve
their potential and fully
participate now and in the

future in the social, economic, and educational opportunities of our state and nation." The court agreed that the current funding system, while imperfect, is "good enough" to satisfy the constitutional mandate, and going forward, it is up to the Legislature, not the courts, to amend the funding formula.

Gov. Greg Abbott called the ruling "a victory for Texas taxpayers and the Texas Constitution." Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Joe Straus, Attorney General Ken Paxton and many Republican lawmakers joined the governor in welcoming the ruling. Paxton echoed the ruling in saying school finance "must be debated and shaped by the Texas Legislature, not through decades' worth of ongoing litigation in the court system."

In contrast, organiza-

In contrast, organiza-tions such as the Texas Association of School Boards, the Mexican Amer-Boards, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Texas Democratic Party and a number of Democratic lawmakers expressed disappointment over the nine-member, all-Republican court's ruling.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "The Texas Supreme Court's ruling held that the state's school funding system met 'mini-



mum constitutional requirements, turning a cold shoulder to at least two-thirds of Texas school dis-

tnirds of Texas school districts that were desperately seeking relief from an inequitable, inefficient and unsustainable school finance system that Texas courts had previous-ly labeled unconstitutional."

Rep. Carel Almond. D.

ly labeled unconstitutional."

Rep. Carol Alvarado, D. Houston, said, "Our children deserve more than a minimal education and the Legislature should do all they can to ensure we repair this broken system. Over five million public school students are counting on us."

Speaker Straus acknowledged "there is ample room for improvement" in school funding and said the Texas House "will continue working to deliver value for taxpayers and provide an outstanding education for our students."

Revenue is up slightly Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 11 announced his office would send cities, counties, tran-sit systems and special

purpose taxing districts \$767.7 million in local sales tax allocations for May.

The total was based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, plus sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers. It is 1.1 percent more than allocated in May 2015.

"The cities of Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Fort Worth saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston, Odessa and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

Blaze ruled intentional
The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on May 11 announced its research laboratory's finding that the April 17, 2013, fire at the West Fertilizer Company plant in the town of West, Texas, was intentionally set.

Fifteen people died and some 160 were injured in the fire and explosion.

"We will gladly assist in

any way possible in the days ahead to expose the criminals behind this hei-nous crime," said David Maxwell, director of law enforcement for the Texas attorney general's office.

GOP meets, Dems are next
The Republican Party of
Texas held its state convention May 12-14 at the
Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.
The final party platform is available online at texasgon.org.

available online at texasgop.org.
The Texas Democratic Party will hold its state convention June 16-18 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The party platform is available online at txdemocrats.org.



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Think Wise, Vote Wiser On Election Day, May 24, 2016 By A Former Interim Chief of Police, NORTH FOREST ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT

This runoff election will determine the future law enforcement initiatives for many years to come. As the voters of the Northeast Houston/Precinct 3 approach the May 24th runoff date, it is critical that the voters contemplate study and observe the law enforcement qualifications and proposed initiatives of both the candidates. At this point in the electoral process, it's time for the voters to do the math; to determine which of these two candidates is more qualified to lead the diverse communities of Precinct 3 towards a safer more cohesive community. From now until May 24th voters will see signs populating the community, but at the end of the day the candidate's message of his experience has to be greater than his signs. Your vote should not go cold as a result of voter apathy, your vote should never be sold to the candidate that has the most fundraisers, political action committees and/or political operatives/consultants that prop up a weaker candidate and paint a deceptive picture of his or her experience nor should it be stolen once it has been cast.

I have had an on going concern about the number of sexual offenders in the various zip codes that comprise Precinct 3 such as the following list:

zip codes tria	it comprise Fredrict 3 suc	ii as the following list.
Zip Code	Neighborhood	Number of Registered Sex O
77016	Northeast Houston	207
77028	Northeast Houston	248
77015	North Shore	119
77532	Crosby	105
77530	Channelview	103
77044	Sheldon	92
77520	Baytown	84
77521	Baytown	80
77049	Pine Trails	59
77562	Highlands	52
77336 Huffi	Huffman	42
	Total	1191

This concern is coupled with the lack of overall visibility of patrol officers for crime prevention and neighborhood oriented policing.

Early on in the initial bid of the nine candidates, I researched the individuals and it wa without hesitation that I became a volunteer with the Michel Pappillion campaign. chose to support Pappillion, because during my tenure as a law enforcement profesional. I gained firsthand knowledge of his leadership capability.

Please afford me the opportunity to compare and contrast the two candidates. The only source of knowledge is experience. \sim Albert Einstein

Michel Pappillion's Extensive Law Enforcement Experience 34 years law enforcement 18 years patrol experience 6 years patrol supervisory experience in Northeast Houston Undercover Narcotics Officer Vice Officer

- vice Officer

 PIP Coordinator (Positive Interaction Program)

 Bike Patrol Supervisor

 Supervised Special Response Unit

 Special Operations Officer

 Law Enforcement Management Institute Program at Sam Hou m at Sam Houston State University
- Understands the crime network and streets of Northeast Houston
 Proposed Law Enforcement Initiatives and Community Enhancements of

- mmunity awareness/education
 Create a Mental Illness and Addiction Unit
 Homeless Identification Initiative
 Domestic Violence Reduction, Education, Awareness and Enforcement Initiative
 Create intervention before enforcement initiatives for youth and single parents
 Institute the Rape Aggression and Defense Program (RAD)
 Update Memorandums of Understanding with all law enforcement agencies within
- Precinct 3 jurisdiction

 Enhance school resources by adding additional officers on campuses during school arrival, lunch periods and dismissal

 Safe Recreational Walk initiatives

 Safe Bike and Hike initiatives

 Work with apartment communities to create crime watch, foot patrol, bike patrol and K9 Units (Apartment Resource Officers)

 Work with merchants to create a Safe Shopping initiative

 Create initiatives to connect senior citizens with community resources

 Establish a Senior Citizen Welfare and Crime Watch imitative (Phone calls and home visits)

- Initiate a particular particular particular program
 Identify and establish relationships with community leaders
 Establish a racing and community speed reduction program
 Create a patrol dot matrix (Community crime dots and patrol program)

- Opponent's Limited Experience

 22 years law enforcement

 6 years reserve deputy experience

 12 years less law enforcement experience than Michel Pappillion, with No Investigative, Managerial or Supervisor Experience

 Limited police presence working only as a Bailiff in Justice of Peace Courtroom. Please note that approximately 55% of his total law enforcement experience has been in a JP Court dealing with Class C misdemeanors. Very limited/to no felony law enforcement experience that deals with street and organized crime.

 No crime scene investigatory skills

- perience that deals with street and organized crime.

 No crime scene investigatory skills

 No traffic enforcement or accident investigation skills

 No Neighborhood Oriented Policing training or experience

 No experience on major crimes scenes such as murder, home invasion, sexual assault
 any other serious crime investigation in Precinct 3

 Initiatives limited to his very limited overall police experience

 Opponent has approximately 65% less law enforcement experience than Michel ppillion.

- Pappillion.

 This overall lack of experience has a direct correlation between negative public relation conflict and vicarious liability to the Office of the Constable Department and Harris County Commissioners Court

 Please note that law enforcement agencies nationwide both county and municipal police departments are being sued for millions of dollars resulting from poor leadership, management and lack of real law enforcement experience.
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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS Channelview ISD Education Foundation brings smiles



Maria Trevino of McMullan Elementary School is presented the Erica Edwards Memorial Science Grant by members of the Channelview ISD Education Foundation.

With the musical sounds of the Falcon Band and an entourage of dignitaries making a special grand entrance, the Channelview ISD Education Foundation's "Sur-Prize Patrol" presented grants and several scholarships to some deserving individuals at district campuses April 28.

"It is a truly rewarding experience to see the excitement as the students and staff members received their grants and scholarships," said Darry Blackstock, the Foundation's Executive Director. "We are extremely fortunate that our corporate donors' contributions allow us to present these finatistic grants and scholarships, which enhance the education of our students."

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dents."
Foundation members presented two Erica Edwards Memorial
Science grants to fifth grade teacher Robin Gross of Crenshaw Elementary and kindergarten teacher
Maria Trevino of McMullan Ele-

proaches to science in the class-room.

Ms. Edwards was the district's elementary science specialist who passed away in 2013. The gran to award a round of In-novative Teaching Grants during elementary science specialist who passed away in 2013. The grant was created in her memory in the

hope of encouraging higher levels of student learning.

Six Channelview High School students each received \$1,000 scholarships. The graduating seniors that were presented with the honors were Nanci Martin, Tre-Michael Tutt, Melissa Silva, Aerial Lowe, Taylor Recee and Erika Ruano.

McMullan Elementary math specialist Rhonda Schwer, Brown Elementary art teacher Katrina Terrell and third grade teachers Silvina Salazar and Bobby Durst were awarded \$500 teacher scholarships. The teacher scholarships is The teacher scholarships in the deviation of professional development fees spent by the individual during the 2016 school year.

In addition, Channelview High School inclusion aide Adam Ortego and Brown Elementary administrative assistant Patricia Beistyreceived paraprofessional development training that enhances their area of education.

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volunteers at May Board Meeting

Galena Park ISD Honors

Galena Park ISD would like to recognize Naomi Salinas, a volunteer at Pyburn Elementary School, and Gloria Francis, a volunteer at North Shore Senior High.

Mrs. Salinas is an outstanding volunteer and definitely goes above and beyond, especially when she sees a need; she goes out of her way to help. The staff is blessed to have her as she has volunteered a total of 106 hours this school year alone.

Sandra Garcia, counselor at Pyburn Elementary says, "Mrs. Salinas is special... to Pyburn Elementary because of her dedication in putting students first. The staff at Pyburn loves her as a result ofher motivation and willingness to help everyone. Mrs. Salinas we want you to know that your time at Pyburn does not go unnoticed and we appreciate all that you do for us. We want to thank you for the countless hours you have dedicated to our school and your commitment to our students and staff. "

commitment to our students and staff."

Mrs. Francis is an outstanding parent volunteer and the mother of one current North Shore Senior High School student and a 2015 North Shore Senior High School Graduate. The number of hours she has spent at North Shore Senior High is innumerable. She has volunteered in GPISD schools from the south side to the north side.

Tabitha Sapien, a counselor at North Shore Senior High says, "Mrs. Francis works until the job is done. She is very caring, hardworking and never asks for anything in return. She is a parent I would continue to invite long after her children are gone. Mrs. Francis is a very trustworthy individual who really wants what's best, for not only her children, but for all the students in GPISD."



Ms. Salinas is pictured with with Board of Trustee Minnie Rivera (left) and Superintendent, Dr. Angi Williams (right)



Ms. Francis is pictured with Board of Trustee, Minnie Rivera

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Mr. James Gerald McCanless Sr.

McCanless Sr.
James G. McCanless, 81,
entered into rest Tuesday,
May 10, 2016.
He was preceded in
death by his wife Carol G.
McCanless of 57 years in
2009, a son, Anthony McCanless in 1982 and a
daughter, Phyllis McCanless in 1963, parents Gerald S. McCanless and Lela
M. McCanless, brother
Bobby McCanless and sister Barbara Ann Rutledge.

Survivors include his brother Billy McCanless and his loving children, daughters, Sandra F, Saenz and husband, Claudio, Brenda Graham and husband, Jackie, Sherrie Salazar and husband, Louis, Kimberly Nicolas and husband, Brian and Patricia Mills and husband, Chuck; sons, James McCanless, Jr. and wife, Charlotte, Ricky McCanless and wife, Cheryl, Terry McCanless and lifemate, John Keller and Stephen McCanless and wife, Phyllis;

seventeen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

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The family will receive
friends from 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May
14, 2016 at San Jacinto
Funeral Home. A Celebration of James's Life willbe held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday,
May 15, 2016 in the Chapel of San Jacinto Funeral
Home with Mr. Jim Bryant
officiating. Interment to officiating. Interment to follow, San Jacinto Memo-rial Park.

COUNCILMEN SWORN IN,

Continued from page 1

Chief of Police Joey Ayala got the Council to approve the Police Department's Policy Manual to include a Body Camera Policy. Ayala said new body cameras would be obtained for all officers to wear from funds received through the Illegal Drug Forfeiture Law and possibly from a Federal Grant application being applied for and made available by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

The Body Camera Policy is to provide both police officers and the public on how and when the body cameras will be used. Officers will be required to

activate their camera at all times when making contact with citizens in the performance of their duties. Whenever possible, officers should inform the public that they are being recorded. In locations where citizens have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a residence, they may decline to be recorded unless the recording is being made in pursuant to a legal arrest or search of the residence or the individuals.

The citizenry when in outdoor public spaces where they are legally present, they have the

right to capture any image that's in plain view. That includes pictures and vid-eos of federal buildings,

menues pictures and viacos of federal buildings,
transportation facilities
(including airports), and
police officers.

The Mayor and Council
presented a Proclamation
to Rosalinda Lucio, retiring Jacinto City Children's
Librarian. Family members present heard from
the mayor, council members and the citizens as
they express how valuable
she's been to the community. Rosalinda tearfully
thanked everyone for the
kind expressions, said she
would miss her job and everyone she grew close to.

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BUSINESS

ASK THE EXPERT By Edward Jones

A 529 Plan Can Help with Those College Bills

We're at the end of another school year. If you have younger kids, you might be thinking about summer camps and other activities. But in the not-loo-distant future, your children will be facing a bigger transition as they head off to college. Will you be financially prepared for that day?

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A college education is a good investment – college graduates earn, on average, \$1 million more over their lifetimes than high school graduates, according to a study by Georgetown University – but a bachelor's degree doesn't come cheap. For the 2015–2016 school year, the average expense – tuition, fees, room and board – was \$19,548 at a public four-year school and \$43,921 at a four-year private school, according to the College Board. And by the time your children are ready for college, these costs may be considerably higher, because inflation is alive and well in the scholarships. But even so, you may want to consider some college-A college education is a good

want to consider some college-savings vehicles – and one of the most popular is a 529 plan. A 529 plan offers a variety of

A 529 plan ofters a variety of benefits, including the following:

High contribution limits – A 529 plan won't limit your contributions based on your income. In all likelihood, you can contribute as much as you want to a 529 plan, as much as you want to a 529 plan, as many states have contribution limits of \$300,000 and up. And you can give up to \$14,000 (\$26,000 for a married couple filing jointly) per year, per child, without incurring any gift taxes.

• Tax advantages – Your earnings can accumulate tax free,

• Tax advantages – Your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses, (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10%. IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan. but 529 plans vary, so check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.
• Freedom to invest in any state's plan. You can invest in a 529 plan tom any state – but that doesn't mean your child has to go to school there. You could live in one state, invest in a second state's plan, and send your student to school in a third state, if you choose.

• Money can be used for virtually any program – Upon graduating high school, not all kids are interested in, or prepared for, a traditional four-year college, But you can use your 529 plan to help pay for qualified expenses at a variety of educational institutions, including two-year community colleges and trade schools.

Of course, a 529 plan does have considerations you will need to this bash the brief noemen to an

Of course, a 529 plan does have considerations you will need to think about before opening an account. For example, your 529 plan assets can affect your child's needs-based financial aid, but it might not doom it. As long as the 529 assets are under your control, they typically will be assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64% in determining your family's expected contribution under the federal financial aid formula, as opposed to the usual 20% rate for assets held in the student's name. In any case, thooging, a 529 plan is worth considering, But don't wait too long—as you well know, your kids seem to grow up in the blink of an eye.

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Diamond Jim: "WHAT IS OPAL?"

In order to know what an opal is, we also need to answer a few more questions concerning Opals...

What is opal? Where does

What is opal? Where does opal form? What causes the colors in opal? What is potch? How does opal form? Opal is one of the world's most beautiful and precious gemstones, predominantly found in Australia. It is one of only six types of precious gemstones found on planet earth, sharing prestigious company with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and pearls. Over 95% of the world's precious opal comes from Australia, and opal is Australia's national gemstone.

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While several different types of opal are present in nature, there are two main varieties - precious opal and common opal or potch. are two rinant varieurs: Piebuso opal and common opal or potch. Precious opals exhibit the characteristic Pipal-of-color, and is comparatively rare. Opal which is dull and valueless is called common opal. Common opal occurs in abundance throughout the world. Common opal and potch do not exhibit a play of color. When common opal is found in association with precious opal, it is known as potch. About 95% of all opal mined from the opal fields is common or potch, that is opal that is basically one colored, ie. white, grey, black, and is only suitable for backings for doublets or triplets. Of the 5% that has some color,

about 95% is only of mediocre grade - therefore only approximate-ly 0.25 per cent has any real value at all. Scientifically, opal is known as SiO2 nH2O - an amorphous mineraloid comprised of hydrated silicon dioxide. (A mix of silica and water) The onal's annearance can mineraloid comprised of hydrated silicon dioxide. (A mix of silica and water). The opal's appearance can range from colorless, white, and light grey through to dark grey and black. However the truly unique thing about opal is that it displays all the colors of the spectrum in a "play of color", resulting from the interference and diffraction of light passing through tiny silica spheres in the microstructure of opal. This means the bright rainbow colors of opal, as they appear to the human eye, will move and change dramatically depending on the angle at which the stone is viewed. A definition of opal: "An amorphous non-crystalline gem mineral solidified from gelatinous or liquid silica deposited in cracks and cavities left by decaying vegetations. Very valuable in its black forms and containing a reasonable content of water. Chemical symbol: SIO2 plus H2 O. The water content in opals can be as high as 10%. Refractive Index of 1.38 - 1.60 and hardness of between 5.5 to 6.5 on Mohs' scale."

a hardness of between 5.5 to 6.5 on Moh's Scale of the More of the way down the range (roughly the same hardness as glass). It has a specific gravity of 1.9 to 2.3 depending on the amount of water present

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HOW IS OPAL FORMED?
Opal is formed from a solution of silicon dioxide and water. As water seeps through sandstone, it picks up firny particles of silica.
Millions of years ago, the solution flowed into cracks and voids in sedimentary as well as volcanic areas inland Australia. Estimates surprest this solution had a rate of suggest this solution had a rate of suggest this solution had a rate of deposition of approximately one centimeter thickness every five million years at a depth of forty meters. Over a period of approximately 1 to 2 million years after this period solidification occurred as the climate changed. The opal therefore remained soft and un-cemented for long periods before becoming hardened. Find out more about how opals are formed.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

WHY AND HOW IS OPAL
COLORED?
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gradually decreased, spheres
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tormed by the particles of silical spontaneously adhering to other particles which form around it. These spheres of amorphous silica range in size from 1500 to 3500 angstroms (1 angstroms it 1 en millionth of 1 millimeter). The spheres are not only remarkably uniform in size but are packed, in gen quality opal, in a very regular array. Because they are spherical, there are inty hoter remaining in the structure (much the same as when marbles are placed together in a container) and these holes too are arranged in a regular three dimensional way. Therefore because of the regular array of these cavilies, op als an optical diffraction grating for visible light.

When the spheres are bigger

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When the spheres are bigger (about 3500 angstroms diameter) the red or orange colors are produced. And at the other end of the scale, at about 1500 angstroms diameter, the blue end of the spectrum is diffracted.

Between these figures the rest of the colors of the rainbow occur. om this it can be deduced that greatest. Therefore red is usual the brightest color and the blue

voids diffracting white light, and breaking it into the colors of the spectrum. The diameter and spacing of the spheres controls the color range of an opal. Small spheres produce opal of blue color only (the most common), whereas larger spheres produce red (the rarest color). For more detail, see our article on how color is formed in onals.

WHAT IS OPAL'S VALUE? WHAI IS OFAL S VALUE?

The value of each individual opal differs greatly depending on the unique qualifies of the opal. There are many determining factors, including body tone, play of color, colors present, brilliance, pattern, and size. It truly takes an Opal Expert to determine the true property will be an onal between the property will be a property will be Opal Expert to determine the true monetary value an opal however, the best value of an opal is the beauty you see in its colors and its unique brilliance. When you own an opal you own a One-Of-A-Kind creation of nature as no two opals

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In reality, it's the customer's expression when they see "their" opal for the very first time that really determines its value, as well as the compliments they receive when others admire their choice in such an incredible creation.

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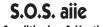
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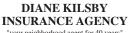
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Galena Park Library Programs

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-Tue., May 24, Mindbenders, 4 pm. -Wed., May 25, Babytime, 10 am; Storytime, 11 am. Galena Park Branch Library, 1500 Keene St., Galena Park, TX. For information on other pro-grams, please call 713-450-0982.

Jacinto City

Jacinto City
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-Mon., May 23, Getting to
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77029. For more information on
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The graduation will be video streamed live on the Web by Aldine ISD. For those who would like to view the video of the home page, then click on the Graduation Video Feeds link.

For more information, contact the high school at 281-452-1450.

Community Picnic

Woodforest Presbyterian Church, 15330 Wallisville RD (1 plock west of Beltway 8, across from Wallwart) is having a Community Picnic & Music Festival Sunday May 29th from 5-8 PM. All are welcome to bring picnic baskets & enjoy the Back Porch Band. Join us in honoring America's veterans represented by the US Veterans Initiative (Houston), VFW Post # 10462-5gt, Dakota Meyer (USMC), Boy Scout Troop #707, Texas DHHS.s for a family

NEW GOVERNMENT,

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cated to a later place on the agenda and was approved to do so.

The Mayor, Commissioners' and acting City Attorney moved into an Executive Session required by the Texas Government. Code, Section 551.074 to discuss the employment status of Police Chief Jonathan Rader and City Administrator Robert Pruett.

After the non-public executive session the elected officials reconvened to the chamber and Mayor Moya asked for two motions, one to accept the resignation letter of City Administrator Robert Pruett and one to not accept the resignation letter of Chief Rader. Both motions passed unanimously.

The previous relocated item to rescind the Severance Package Agreement in the Personnel Ordinance was passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda was to table the appointment of Christopher Sanchez as Interim Acting Police Chief which it too passed unanimously.

Mayor Moya and each

mending and rescinding of n ordinance providing for everance pay and benefits or certain city officials and epartment heads was reloated to a later place on the genda and was approved to so.

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Justice of the Peace George Risner administers Oath of Office to Galena Park Mayor Esmeraldo Moya for her 2nd



Overflow crowd of Galena Park citizens gather o city hall to witness their newly elected Mayor Commisssioners take their oath of office.



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